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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

In response to the USPTO Official Action mailed on July 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The listing of claims begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper